

In claim 12, line 25, change "comprise" to --comprises--.

In claim 14, line 35, change "3" to --13--. Also, change "where in" to --wherein--.

In claim 15, line 4, change "4" to --14--.

19/16. (Amended) A method for transmitting at least one stream of audio and/or visual information over a communications network to a plurality of users comprising the steps of:

controlling the routing of the stream of information through the network in response to selection signals received from the users, and

A2 monitoring the reception of the stream of information by the users and accumulating records relating to the reception of the stream of information by the users, wherein at least one stream of information comprises an audio and/or visual selection and the records that are accumulated indicate the time that a user starts receiving the audio and/or visual selection and the time that the user stops receiving the audio and/or visual selection.

In claim 22, line 9, change "packets" to --information--.

In claim 23, line 14, change "packets" to --information--. Also, change "comprise" to --comprises--.

33/27. (Amended) A communication system comprising:
means for converting at least one stream of audio and/or visual information into a stream of addressed digital packets complying with the specifications of a network communication protocol,

A3 means for routing such stream via a communication network to selected users,

means for controlling the routing of the stream of packets in response to selection signals received from the users, and

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means for monitoring the reception of packets by the user and for accumulating records [which] that indicate which streams of packets were received by which users, wherein at least one stream of packets comprises an audio and/or visual selection, and the means for monitoring further includes means for accumulating records that indicate the time that a user starts receiving the audio and/or visual selection and the time that the user stops receiving the audio and/or visual selection.

47/38. (New) A method for transmitting message packets over a communications network comprising the steps of:
converting a plurality of streams of audio and/or visual information into a plurality of streams of addressed digital packets complying with the specifications of a network communication protocol,

for each stream, routing such stream to one or more users,

controlling the routing of the stream of packets in response to selection signals received from the users, and

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monitoring the reception of packets by the users and accumulating records that indicate which streams of packets were received by which users, wherein at least one stream of packets comprises music selections and the records that are accumulated indicate how many users did or did not listen to the entire selection.

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39. (New) A method for transmitting at least one stream of audio and/or visual information over a communications network to a plurality of users comprising the steps of:

controlling the routing of the stream of information through the network in response to selection signals received from the users, and

monitoring the reception of the stream of information by the users and accumulating records relating to the reception of the stream of information by the users, wherein at least one stream of information comprises music

selections and the records that are accumulated indicate how many users did or did not listen to the entire selection.

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40. (New) A method for transmitting message packets over a communications network comprising the steps of:

converting a plurality of streams of audio and/or visual information into a plurality of streams of addressed digital packets complying with the specifications of a network communication protocol,

for each stream, routing such stream to one or more users,

controlling the routing of the stream of packets in response to selection signals received from the users, and

monitoring the reception of packets by the users and accumulating records that indicate which streams of packets were received by which users, wherein at least one stream of packets comprises an audio and/or visual selection and the records that are accumulated indicate the elapsed time that a user received the audio and/or visual selection.

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41. (New) A method for transmitting at least one stream of audio and/or visual information over a communications network to a plurality of users comprising the steps of:

controlling the routing of the stream of information through the network in response to selection signals received from the users, and

monitoring the reception of the stream of information by the users and accumulating records relating to the reception of the stream of information by the users, wherein at least one stream of information comprises an audio and/or visual selection and the records that are accumulated indicate the elapsed time that a user received the audio and/or visual selection.

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42. (New) A communication system comprising:
means for converting at least one stream of audio and/or visual information into a stream of addressed digital

packets complying with the specifications of a network communication protocol,

means for routing such stream via a communication network to selected users,

means for controlling the routing of the stream of packets in response to selection signals received from the users, and

means for monitoring the reception of packets by the user and for accumulating records that indicate which streams of packets were received by which users, wherein at least one stream of packets comprises an audio and/or visual selection, and the means for monitoring further includes means for accumulating records that indicate the elapsed time that a user received the audio and/or visual selection.

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43. (New) The method of claim 2 wherein the records that are accumulated indicate which users received specific advertising information.

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44. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein at least one stream of packets comprises copyrighted music selections and the records that are accumulated indicate which users received specific music selections.

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45. (New) The method of claim 17 wherein the records that are accumulated indicate which users received specific advertising information.

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46. (New) The method of claim 16 wherein at least one stream of information comprises copyrighted music selections and the records that are accumulated indicate which users received specific music selections.

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47. (New) The communication system of claim 28 wherein the means for monitoring further accumulates records that indicate which users received specific advertising information.

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48. (New) The communication system of claim 27 wherein
at least one stream of packets comprises copyrighted music
selections and the means for monitoring further accumulates
records that indicate which users received specific music
selections.

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49. (New) The method of claim 1 further comprising the
steps of:

storing a first stream of packets received by the user at
a first time and

inserting the first stream of packets into a plurality of
streams of packets received at the user at a plurality of
later times.

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50. (New) The method of claim 16 further comprising the
steps of:

storing a first stream of information received by the
user at a first time and

inserting the first stream of information into a
plurality of streams of information received at the user at a
plurality of later times.

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51. (New) The method of claim 27 further comprising
means for storing packets received at the user during a first
time period and means for inserting such packets into other
packets received at the user at a plurality of later time
periods.